THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Tamil 'Nadu Urban Development Project has been included in the pipeline for World Bank Assistance in the FY-1988.

Drug Addiction

2851. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drug addiction among the students and the children in the country has shown constant rise;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of rise in drug addiction among the students and children particularly in Delhi during the last three years (year-wise);

(c) what according to the study, if any, made by Government is the percentage of drug addicts who come from the affluent society and those who belong to middle and lower middle class;

(d) what are. the. reasons for the growing drug addiction among the students and children; and

(e) what are the de-addiction treatment centres in Delhi and other places stating the. number of cases on an average being reported daily at these centres and the percentage of those addicts who are cured?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO); (a) No such figures for the whole country are available.. However, the preliminary report of the study conducted in certain locations indicate.:, there has been a decline in the prevalence rates among students in general when compared to the 1976 study.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Although the numbers of addicts from various strata of society are not known, the. experience of the voluntary agencies working in the field indicates that all sections of the society are affected.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) A compilation of such figures in the country is not available, in Delhi Govt, of India has assisted the setting up of seven counselling centres and one de addiction centre by voluntary agencies. Besides, about 38 beds have been provided by Government in the hospitals.

दिल्ली के गैस्ट हाउस

2852. श्री शमीम अहमद सिद्दीकी : क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली में बिना लाइसेंस के छोटे दर्जे के कितने गैस्ट हाउस चल रहे है ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार उनको तदर्थ (एड हॉक) लाइसेंस देने का विचार रखती हैं ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलबीर सिंह) : (क) **और** (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Irrigation project cleared by CWC

2853. PROF. N. M. KAMBLE: SHRI DINKARRADGOVINDRAO PATH,;

Will the Minister of WATER KE-SOURCES be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1942 given in, the Rajya Sabha on 14th March, 1986 and state:

(a) whether the major and medium irrigation schemes under consideration of the Central Water Commission as on January, 1980 have now been approved; and

(b) if so, what is the number of approved major and medium irrigation schemes in "different States and what are the places and areas they are likely to serve?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARA-NAND): (a) and (b) The clearance for major and medium irrigation projects is given by the Planning Com-inission after obtaining the concurrence of the concerned Ministries | Departments. On their side, the Central Water Commission have completed appraisal of 21 major and medium irrigation schemes which were under examination with them on 1. 1. 1986 and these are yet to be cleared by the Planning Commission.

Artificial limbs for the physically handicapped

2854. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a), whether there has been 'a break through in the artificial limbs technology and production and if so, the details thereof;

(b)-whether their price levels are such that these can be purchased by all the citizens; and

(c) whether such limbs are provided to those who are economically weak and if so, the details of the scheme enforced, if any?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY Of WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Innovations in the manufacture of artificial limbs have, taken place in the country front), time to time. One ' such innovation has been the Jaipur Foot of which fitments are, being done by a voluntary organisation in Rajasthan.

There lias been considerable improvement in the production of artificial limbs by" the Public Sector Undertaking, namely, the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India, Kanpur. Its production in 1986-87 is expected to be more than twice of the amount produced in the previous year. The products of this Company are of international standards.

(b) and (c) In view of the fact that a sizeable proportion of the dis-, abled is too poor to afford purchase of the artificial limbs of standard quality, the Government -has a scheme of 'Assistance to disabled persons for purchase of fitting of Aids | Appliances'. Aids and appliances costing between Rs. 251- and Rs. 30OOJ- are provided free of cost to those handicapped persons whose income is" upto Rs. 1. 200J- per month and at half the price to persons whose income is between Rs. 1, 2001- and 2, 500]- per month. The Scheme includes supply of wheel chairs, hand Or foot operated tricycles, calipers, artificial limbs; hearing aids, educational kits for the blind comprising braille^slates, braille-pocket frame abacus and measuring tapes for high school students; braille measuring devices like* micrometers, calipers, etc.; for vocational trainees in the relevant trade. In addition, braille writer and tape-recorders for students enrolled in post-graduate classes are also given.

Supply of drinking water under Technology Mission

2855. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item^that appeared in the • 'Hindustan Times' of 10th January, 1987 under the caption "P. M. to keep tab ontechnology mission", wherein it has been stated that first phase, 'would cover 15, 000 villages where drinking' water would be provided; and

(b) if so, the names of the districts alongwith the names of respective